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In re Application of:  
P.E. Gregory et al.  
Application No. 10/039,106  
Filed: January 04, 2002  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
TERMINATING A BUS TECHNICAL  
FIELD

DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 TO  
ACCEPT PAPERS AS TIMELY  
FILED AND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §  
1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed June 30, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requesting the Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified application. The petition is treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) to accept papers as timely filed and as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requesting the Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment. (See MPEP § 711.03(c)).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 30, 2004.

Petitioner's submission of June 30, 2004 meets the applicable criteria. Petitioner asserted that a Response to the Office action was filed in a timely manner on January 02, 2004. A copy of the originally submitted amendment and a Certificate of Transmission signed by Sarah L. Reinhard dated January 02, 2004 have been provided. A personal statement of Sarah L. Reinhard is submitted on June 30, 2004.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for entry of the copy of the response. From there, the application will be forwarded to examiner to consider the amendment.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Vincent N. Trans whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent N. Trans", written over a horizontal line.

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